

2005 state law reduced its contribution from 25 percent. The District certainly should pay no more than New York City's pre-2005 contribution and therefore my bill would raise the federal contribution to the District's Medicaid program to 75 percent. Considering the expansion of Medicaid eligibility under the new health care reform law, effective 2014, now is the time to make the District's Medicaid burden more equitable.

Under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 (Revitalization Act), Congress recognized that state costs are too high for any city to shoulder. To address this unfairness to the District, the Revitalization Act transferred certain state responsibilities from the District to the federal government, including prisons and courts, and increased the federal Medicaid reimbursement to the District from 50 to 70 percent, partially relieving this burden. The city continues to carry many state costs, however.

In 1997, a formula error in the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital allotment reduced the 70 percent Federal Medical Assistance Percentage share, and, as a result, the District received only \$23 million instead of the \$49 million it was due. I was able to secure a technical correction in the Balanced Budget Act of 1999, partially increasing the annual allotment to \$32 million from fiscal year 2000 forward. I appreciate that in 2005, Congress responded to my effort to get an additional annual increase of \$20 million in the budget reconciliation bill, bringing DC's Medicaid reimbursements to \$57 million as intended by the Revitalization Act. However, this amount did not reimburse the District for the years the federal error denied the city part of its federal contribution, and, in any case, of course, was not intended to eliminate the District's structural deficit, which this bill partially addresses.

The bill is part of my series of bills for equal treatment of DC. The series of bills addresses inappropriate and often unequal restrictions placed only on the District, and no other U.S. jurisdiction.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of the bill.

ANDREW RABBITT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Andrew Rabbitt for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Andrew Rabbitt is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Andrew Rabbitt is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their life.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Andrew Rabbitt for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING CONNECTICUT'S PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to join the many who have gathered in Connecticut's capitol to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. Formed under Connecticut statute and charged with a mission to study and improve Connecticut women's economic security, health and safety; promote consideration of qualified women to leadership positions; and to work toward the elimination of gender discrimination, the PCSW is our state's leading force for women's equality.

Women, in the workplace and in our society, have come a long way since the women's suffrage movement in the 19th century and the women's rights movement of the 20th century, during which time the PCSW was first established. Today, ninety-seven women serve in the two Houses of the United States Congress and thousands serve at the state and municipal levels as well. In fact, in Connecticut, women hold fifty-five seats in the General Assembly and half of the Constitutional offices. Women own their own businesses and are leading some of the largest corporations in the world. And yet women still face a myriad of obstacles in our society. Women still make seventy-seven cents to every dollar earned by a man in comparable positions and there is still a stigma attached to women in the workforce—employers still concerned about women who may have children or are thinking about starting a family and how those choices may impact their job performance or attendance. Women statistically live longer than men yet they have less retirement security, until very recently health research did not take into consideration the basic biological differences between men and women, and sexual harassment and discrimination continue to persist in a variety of forms.

The PCSW, through policy research as well as education and awareness programs, has helped to shape the debate around these and many other issues impacting the lives of Connecticut women and create public policy that makes a difference. The PCSW has had a leadership role in advancing legislation in Connecticut to prohibit sex discrimination in credit transactions, create the first family and medical leave protections in the country, and require health insurance plans to cover a minimum of forty-eight hours hospital stay for normal childbirth and ninety-six for caesarian sections. Each of these efforts now stand as law in Connecticut and have acted as a model for legislation in other states as well as at the federal level.

Under the outstanding leadership of Executive Director Teresa Younger, the PCSW is continuing in its strong tradition of ensuring that issues that impact women and their families are at the forefront of Connecticut's public policy discussions. I have spent much of my time in Congress focused on these issues and have often turned to the PCSW for guidance and support. It is with great pride and my

deepest thanks that I rise today to congratulate them on their 40th Anniversary and wish them all the best for continued success.

RECOGNIZING SANDY FEINBERG

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding resident of New York's 1st Congressional District, Sandy Feinberg.

In 1971, Sandy began her career at the Middle Country Public Library as a children's librarian. This position would lead to a forty-two year career as one of the most innovative and influential librarians on Long Island. She was named the Library Director in 1991 in recognition of her hard work and vision, a position she would hold for the next 22 years.

As Library Director, Sandy oversaw the expansion and renovation of two library locations. In 1999, she oversaw the transformation of the library's Centereach location into the largest public library on Long Island. Today, through innovative programs and extraordinary effort, it is not only the largest, but the busiest public library on Long Island.

As a pioneer in library-community interaction, she founded the Family Place Libraries initiative. This comprehensive library-based early childhood and family support program has been replicated in more than 350 libraries in 24 states.

Sandy continued the library's advancement by overseeing the opening of the Miller Business Resource Center, a regional resource to promote economic development through small businesses, entrepreneurs, and not-for-profit organizations. She also founded the Museum Corner, an interactive exhibit space with rotating hands-on educational exhibits for children. Finally, she created the Nature Explorium, a first-in-the-nation library-based outdoor learning space where children can learn about nature.

Sandy has also focused her attention on those in need outside of the library. She established the Community Resource Database, a collection of not-for-profit and government agencies available to assist residents in need. Eventually, the database would become Long Island 211, a telephone service center to connect those in need with available resources.

She served as President of the Middle Country Chamber of Commerce and was a founding member of the Middle Country Coalition for Smart Growth. She served on the boards of the Child Care Council of Suffolk County and the Long Island Museum of Art, and is currently the Chairwoman of the Board of the Early Years Institute.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the residents of New York's 1st Congressional District, I thank Sandy Feinberg for her years of dedicated service to our community. Her passion and enthusiasm for nurturing young minds has had a positive impact on countless families. Her willingness to initiate new tasks and challenges is an inspiration to us all. While her phenomenal leadership and ingenuity will surely be missed, her imprint on the community will endure for years to come.